

## **TOWN OF GRAFTON**

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## RECREATION COMMISSION

Kristen Belanger, Chairperson Robert Fitzpatrick Stephen Crowley Gina DaLan

## **MINUTES**

Recreation Commission May 2, 2016 Recreation Department

A meeting of the Grafton Recreation Commission was held on May 2, 2016 in the Recreation Department. Members present included Kristen Belanger, Robert Fitzpatrick, Stephen Crowley, and Gina Dalan. Jen Andersen and Kerri Arsenault were also in attendance.

- 1. Call to Order- Ms. Belanger called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.
- 2. **Approval of Minutes-** Ms. Dalan motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Fitzpatrick second the motion. All in favor.
- 3. Review of Bills- Bills accepted. All in favor.

Date:	April 6, 2016	
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NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
Trophy Depot	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$59.35
Grafton Public Schools	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$510.00
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MRPA	1-630-2-5330	\$25.00
IBA Print Shop	1-630-2-5580	\$688.96
Jeff Marcimo	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$140.00
Mike Lavin	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$140.00
Dan Martin	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$140.00

	Total	\$4,813.31
Site One Landscape		\$111.94
FAST Athletics		\$2,550.00
FAST Athletics		\$1,760.00
Nrich	29-630-340-5200-2-575	\$2,250.00
Dan Oftring	29-630-340-5200-2-571	\$140.00

Date:

April 14, 2016

NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
UMMMG Dept of Ob/Gyn		\$315.00
Ullman		\$180.00
Kristy Colgate		\$75.00
Neila Sezer		\$160.00
	Total	\$730.00

Date:

April 21, 2016

NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
Sujata Sharma	29-630-340-4359-1-568	\$30.00
Jen Andersen	1-630-2-5330	\$40.40
Oriental Trading	1-630-2-5580	\$110.88
Crown Trophy	29-630-340-5400-2-568	\$194.48
IBA Print Shop	29-630-340-5200-2-579	\$115.28
S&S Worldwide		\$818.78
Kathryn DiFiore	29-630-340-4359-1-563	\$680.00
Fin & Feather Sports	29-630-340-5200-2-569	\$6,460.00
	TOTAL	\$8,449.82

Date:

April 28, 2016

NAME	ACCOUNT NO.	AMOUNT
Diana Bechard	29-630-340-4359-1-578	\$25.00
Funflicks	1-630-2-5580	\$392.06

Hillside Meadows	29-630-340-5200-2-577	\$2,100.00
	Total	\$2,517.06

## 4. Correspondence- No correspondence

- 5. Heather Nadeau- Family Dance Discussion- Ms. Nadeau came to the meeting to discuss the idea of holding a Somebody Special Dance open to families in Grafton with children in grades 2-5. The Commissioners and Heather discussed what grades to open it up to, location, number of dances per year, theme, music, decorations, food, tickets, time of year, etc. The idea the Commissioners liked the best was having a dance for anyone in town in grades 2-3 regardless of the school they went to. There would be one dance for everyone falling into those grade categories. There would be another dance held for anyone in town that was in grade 4 and 5. Children could bring anyone special to them in their life as their date. Heather will send Ms. Andersen an email with possible dates and people who would like to be on a dance committee. Once the main details are in place, the Recreation Department will help to market the dance through their seasonal brochure, website, etc.
- 6. Road Race Update- A resident of Grafton has offered to paint new mile markers for the race. There are currently 115 people registered to run the race. The anticipation is that more will register the night before and even the morning of the race. New this year is the Recreation Department partnering with Marathon Sports in Shrewsbury for a bib pick up the night before the race. The benefit of this is getting your bib early, receiving 20% discount in the store that night, and also getting a goodie bag. The Recreation Department is in need of 2-3 more volunteers for the day of the event. A key point on race day is having the category winners announced as close to 11am as possible so as to not make the runners have to stay too long afterwards waiting to hear who won in each category. Some of the prizes for category winners are gift cards from Marathon Sports, a 6 month membership from Anytime Fitness and the medals. The Commissioners inquired about having a kid's fun run next year. Ms. Andersen will take that into consideration.
- 7. Director's Report- Ms. Andersen stated that all the staff is hired for the summer that is currently needed. She also reported that the Worcester St. parcel is in the process of having a concept plan drawn out. Ms. Belanger referenced Bryant Park in NYC which is a public park that has multigenerational games throughout the park to promote recreation between generations. The concept discussion for this parcel of land is to have an open space for families in town to recreate with seating, low impact games; bocce ball, horse shoes, etc. Ms. Andersen is currently looking at other town owned parcels of land to create an open space for townspeople to recreate. This brought about discussion of our current fields and the maintenance schedule for each. The Commissioners decided to put this topic on the next agenda.
- 8. Adjournment- Ms. Dalan motioned to adjourn at 8:20p.m. Mr. Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. All in favor.